

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification after the heading "RELATED CASES" with the following amended paragraph:

"This application is a continuation-in-part of United States patent application 09/883,968 filed June 19, 2001, entitled LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHIC METHOD AND SYSTEM by Dale A. Davison and Scott L. Blakley and assigned to the same assignee as this application; which is a continuation-in-part of United States patent application 09/794,772 filed February 27, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,427,526, entitled LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHIC METHOD AND SYSTEM by Dale A. Davison and Scott L. Blakley and assigned to the same assignee as this application.".